

Easley advised residents to listen for instructions from local officials and to follow these flood safety tips:

- Do not drive your car through flood waters. Most deaths in flash flooding occur in automobiles. Cars will float in less than one foot of water. If you cannot see the line markings on the road, do not go through the water.
- Stay away from areas that are already flooded. Do not try to swim or dive into the water.
- Never try to cross a flowing stream on foot, not even a small stream. Streams or drainage channels may flood suddenly.
- Watch for mudslides, broken sewers or water mains, downed electrical wires and fallen objects.
- Be aware of what could happen if dams in your area fail.
- Do not stay in areas subject to flooding when water begins rising. If flooding occurs, move to higher ground to escape floodwaters.
- Learn evacuation routes and shelter locations.
- Do not canoe or kayak on flooding rivers. Currents are deadly.
- Be especially cautious at night when it is harder to recognize the dangers of floods and flash floods.

Information about planning for emergencies is available in English at www.readync.org and in Spanish at www.listonc.org. Information for the deaf and hard of hearing also is available on www.readync.org.

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